GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON IMPORT OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the Price of sugar in India and Pakistan ;

(b) whether Pakistan continues with ban on import of sugar from India;

(c) if so, the action taken to negotiate for revival of sugar trade with Pakistan; and

(d) if not, the likely quantity to be exported during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): As per available information, sugar prices in Lahore Akbari Market as on 20th July, 2001 were PRs.2530/2570 per quintal.In India, the wholesale prices of S-30 grade of sugar were in the range of Rs.1300-1490 per quintal in the four metropolitan cities during the week 14th to 20th July, 2001.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): During his talks with the President of Pakistan in Agra on 15.7.2001, the Prime Minister of India proposed that a group of experts of both countries be constituted to recommend measures to increase bilateral trade, economic and technical interaction between the two countries.

(d): As per available information, about 8.11 lakh tonnes(provisional) of sugar have been exported from India from October, 2000 till 23rd July,2001. It is expected that the total export of sugar during the current sugar season 2000-2001 (October-September) would exceed 10 lakh tonnes.